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In Re Patent Application Of: )  
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For: SLIDING CONTACT SEAL )  
STRUCTURE IN SHAFT PORTION )  
Serial No.: 10/735,105 )  
Filed: December 11, 2003 )  
Examiner: Vishal A. Patel )  
Art Unit: 3673 )  
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Invention: <b>SLIDING CONTACT SEAL STRUCTURE IN SHAFT PORTION</b>						
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Response is submitted with in response to the non-final Office Action mailed  
January 19, 2006. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the patent application.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call Applicant's Representative to discuss any issues  
with this application.

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Response.